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DEMOCRATIC TICKET

For Mayor
DANIEL E. WALKERCity Clerk
GEORGE M. COUGHLINTown Clerk
WILLIAM L. ZEPFCollector
JOHN M. DONNELLYCity Treasurer
JOHN W. GRANTBoard of Education
JOHN J. CULLINAN
JAMES L. SULLIVANCity Sheriffs
CHARLES B. MARA
THOMAS LOVELY
JOHN J. DOYLESelectmen
JAMES P. GRIFFIN
HUGH CAMPBELL
GEORGE BUTSKO

ALDERMEN

First District
JAMES HUDDYSecond District
JOHN J. FORDThird District
JOHN B. CALLAHANFourth District
THOMAS C. CARROLLFifth District
THOMAS H. FLYNNSixth District
THOMAS M. McNAMARASeventh District
DANIEL E. BRENNANEighth District
JOHN A. CORNELL, Jr.Ninth District
FREDERICK MARTINTenth District
JOHN J. SCULLYEleventh District
JAMES M. WILLIAMSTwelfth District
DANIEL J. CONNORS

THE COST OF JOY RIDES, CHICKENS AND CHAMPAGNE.

Said Mayor Clifford B. Wilson, in his annual message, bearing date of June 3, 1912:

"I believe this city can and should be properly maintained on a uniform 15 mill tax rate. Uniformity in this particular would prove of great advantage to our taxpayers in fixing this charge at a definite amount for each and every year, and in assuring outsiders of the stability of our city finances."

In the first year of his administration Mayor Wilson made some effort to keep this pledge. He gave a tax rate of 15.4. But in his second year he forgot his promise, and the rate rose to 16.5, to 19.2 and then took an apparent drop to 18, a drop that was only apparent and not real, because the rate would have been about 21 mills, had the usual expenses been cared for.

The state tax for 1915, which required one full mill, or slightly more, was put over, and will have to be paid in 1916.

The one mill tax immemorably allowed for schools, was cut to one half mill. No appropriations were made for permanent pavements, as in the past, and almost nothing was appropriated for sewers.

In the last year before Mayor Wilson took office, which was 1911, the ordinary revenues of the city, exclusive of sums obtained by borrowing, were \$1,854,880.

In the present year, the fourth of Mayor Wilson's administration, the revenues raised and appropriated are \$2,531,000.

In four years therefore Mayor Wilson has kept his pledge for a 15 mill tax rate in reverse order.

He is moving it rapidly toward 30 mills. The tax rate however is not the best gauge of extravagance.

Under Mayor Wilson's administration the annual cost of running the city has increased \$676,000, more than 32 per cent.

Population in the same time has increased by 13 per cent., and expenditures represented in the annual expenses have increased two and one half times as fast as population, and, in the same period, the debt has been increased by more than \$2,000,000, or at the average rate of \$500,000 per year.

This is the price Bridgeport pays for broken pledges, to enable politicians to care for their henchmen, to provide those politicians and their henchmen with lobsters, high priced automobiles, joy rides, champagne, and truffles.

From these enormous expenditures, favored contractors have fed fat as butter, and have not been inconvenienced by competition.

Bridgeport has been a market in which the contracts were for the highest bidder. The lowest bidder has been unhonored, unwept and unsung. He has been invited to no lobster parties, the fizz water has not flowed for him. He has been jeered and derided as a silly chap, wherever the jolly fellows of the administration have assembled for broiled chicken, waffles, song and merriment, whether in shorehouse by the sea, or in road houses on top of lonesome Connecticut Hills, ten miles from the chief highways.

To what condition of "financial stability" will two more years of this sort of thing bring Bridgeport?

Fortunately, there will not be two more years.

BOSSING HIS OWN CONTRACTS.

Mr. King takes the view that he has right to hold a garbage contract; that he has an equal right with any other citizen, to employ his teams on the street. And so he has. No one disputes it.

The claim is of another character. It is not best for the city that a man who does a great deal of business with it, should be unduly influential in the government. Mr. King is commonly reported to be the government of Bridgeport. This gives him the power to supervise the execution of his own contracts, and the influence necessary to get him city work.

He may or may not use this influence. He may perform his contract as well as if he were not the government. He might get the same amount of work for his teams, if he were the most unimportant man in Bridgeport.

But experience points in a contrary direction. It leads to the belief that the garbage would be better collected if the government was somebody beside the collector. Experience says that Mr. King would not have had \$12,000 in city work for his teams, the competition for this work being as strenuous as it is, unless his political claim had been robust.

No anemic, played out, emaciated political worker with

Music
Wednesday Afternoon
Rest Room, 2:30

The Rug Gallery

This new section of the new store continually improves in appearance. The beautiful orientals hung upon the walls and displayed in groups with tapestry draperies attract one at the entrance. There is an interesting assortment of orientals in carpet size and in long runners.

Wilton Velvet and Anglo-Persian Rugs in all required sizes.

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Waxed Paper for wrapping sandwiches or cake, three yard 12 inches wide, in rolls,

5 cts

Paraffin Paper Cups,

5 for 5 cts

Basement.

Preserving Time Needs

As announced previously, everything the cook needs is here and ready. Kettles, Jar-filters, Strainers, extra Jar Tops and Rubbers.

Scales, weighing up to 24 pounds by the ounce, white enameled dial with large figures. Very convenient and quite correct.

Basement.

Here and
There about
the Store

Which ever way the wind blows it is certain to give an audacious flirt to the ends of one of those adorable scarves of brushed yarn. They are in all lovely colorings, about a yard and a half long and with light wool fringe at the end.

Sometimes they match the sweater. Very comfortable for driving or motor-ing \$1.50 up.

Worsted Section, second floor.

The Cameo Brooch has come to its own again. It is very like your grandmother's, with a head carved on it and set in a gold rim, and in some cases is arranged to wear as a pendant as well as a brooch.

A Dinner Ring set with brilliants in sterling silver reaches from knuckle to knuckle and is of unusual design. Often there is a topaz, sapphire, or amethyst in the make-up and the effect is equal to many hundreds of dollars. \$3.50 and \$5.00.

Quilted Soles for boudoir slippers, with satin-covered heels, may be had at the ribbon section. These are the foundations for the exquisite boudoir slippers made of oriental ribbons. The task of making slippers is an easy one and there is no limit to which individual taste may not go in combining colors. Gold heels and soles with oriental ribbon. Red heels and soles with white and black ribbon. A "maggie" mule with red heels. Sizes 3, 4 and 5.

Speaking of Ribbons, they are irresistible. One is reminded of this thing and that, to make for Christmas, bags, and boxes, cushions, slippers, and favors of indefinite number. Samples are being shown and instructions are freely given.

The Biscuit and Comfit Boxes, which are of tin and covered with tapestry or cretonne in the most artistic fashion, are treasures to the girl who lives in one room, and cannot make a raid on the pantry when she wishes a bite between meals. The boxes are very ornamental in either rope or blue tapestry, flowered cretonne or other material. From 50 cts. up.

Tapestry and Cretonne Trays, with glass bottoms, in rose, blue, and oriental patterns are for the dressing table, or the living room table, for colorings may be selected to be suitable for either. 50 cts., according to size and quality.

Art Section.

A French Bronze Boot of fascinating character is modeled on a high last and has Louis XV heels. The same boot is shown in midnight blue kid. Both are quite high to conform to the short walking skirts. Either model, \$3.00.

A Kenyon Raincoat is very good looking. In fact it does not look like a rain coat, and therein lies its practicality. It may be worn under all circumstances where a big cover-all coat is needed. The lines are good, and the weave is a mixed tweed that always seems to be in style. From \$15.00 up.

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These figures are of course hypothetical. There was no bidding, and no competition, so that what might have been saved is merely conjectural.

The point is that nobody tried to save anything.

FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETIES HOLD ANNUAL SESSION

New Haven, Oct. 26.—All business of the National Council of Congregational churches gave way today to the 116th annual meeting of the American board of commissioners for foreign missions and the only gathering which was not given over to reports and addresses by missionaries was that at noon when Rev. Dr. Washington Gladden of Columbus, O., was to be the speaker at the general meeting in United Church.

The program had been arranged so

that the missionaries who brought greetings during the morning session were from India; those in the afternoon from countries of the near east while this evening the workers from the islands of the Pacific, from Japan and China and the Philippines will tell their stories of the spread of the Gospel in their respective fields. Rev. Dr. James L. Barton, secretary of the board, read a letter from Alvey A. Ade, second assistant secretary of state, in which information was conveyed that a telegram from the American ambassador at Constantinople, under date of Oct. 18, stated that the American missionaries at Adana and Tarsus have sailed on the U. S. S. Des Moines for Piraeus.

The Greene-Canaan mines at Naco, Mexico, have been closed. Villa troops are in possession of the city.

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In white grounds with pastel colorings, conventional and floral effects, pink, pale blue, corn color and lavender, sometimes a hint of gold.

Persian colorings, grounds well covered, very effective.

Trimming section.

White Doeskin Gloves

Bruxton Doeskin and washable. Using any pure white soap, these soft and beautiful gloves come out after washing as soft and pliable as when new.

One clasp, embroidered on the back in black and gold. "Slip-on" style, no clasps, loose and easy wrists, stylish. \$1.50 a pr.

Autumn Footwear

One of the season's smartest models, a seamless button shoe, made on a new high-arch last, light flexible hand sewed soles, two inch leather "Cuban Louis" heels, and pearl buttons.

Imported French Bronze Kid, and the new Midnight Blue Kid, high cut,

\$3.00

Also in black glazed kid, with patent insert, a very distinctive model.

\$6.00

Complete lines in button and lace models, with kid or cloth tops at

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In black, white and pink.

From \$1.50 to \$6.00

Veilings

Bordered Scroll Veilings of fine lace net, shadow figures and effective Greek Key run in silver, Black and a few in navy blue, brown and gray. The style that hangs loose and free from the brim of the hat.

\$1.00 a special value.

Women's Coats

Fancy Wool Mixtures, Plaids and Checks strictly all wool made up in rather loose and easy fashion, some lined throughout, others unlined, or lined to the waist exceedingly stylish as to large patch pockets, collars and buttons. From \$10.50 up.

Semi-official denial was made at Athens that Greece is occupying any Serbian territory.

Paul Hervieu, dramatist, and long president of the Society of Authors, died in Paris, aged 58.

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